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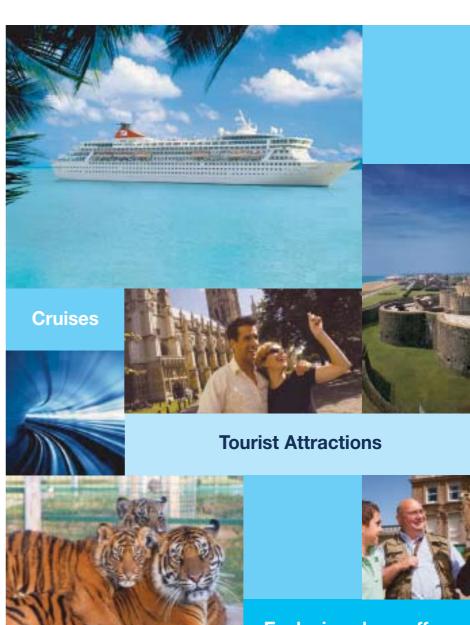
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BIRDS LOSE OUT IN SEA ZONE LISTS

THE Government's new Marine Conservation Zones will offer virtually no protection to seabirds in Sandwich Bay, say environmentalists.

The RSPB says that while other wildlife and habitats will be protected by law, the waters used by hundreds of thousands of birds will remain at risk from damage and exploitation.

Guidance has just been published with lists of species and habitats that should be taken into account when identifying Marine Conservation Zones for special protection.

BY NICK AMES

However, there are no seabirds on the list. Kate Tanner, marine policy officer at the RSPB, said: "This seems utterly incredible. We were delighted when the Marine Act became law last year after more than a decade of campaigning.

"It seemed our seas and the wildlife they support would finally get legal protection. That seabirds will not be properly protected will come as a huge blow to members who campaigned hard in the belief they would benefit."

The Government has committed to

putting a network of conservation zones in place by 2012. In England, the job of identifying areas of sea to be designated falls to regional panels, which will make their decisions based on guidance from Natural England and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee.

They say the criteria for protection were decided by experts looking at what was most at risk.

Ms Tanner said: "Waters vital to the survival of colonies that are smaller but of national importance will not be included. If they are not covered by the zones, either, then they will have no protection at all."

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TERN FOR THE WORSE

The Sandwich tern was named by ornithologist John Latham in 1787 after the first specimen was identified near the town. Large numbers still occur in Pegwell and Sandwich Bay National Nature Reserve. especially in autumn.

The site is of international importance for an impressive range of seabirds, waders and wildfowl, but there are concerns that they will not receive sufficient protection from the long—awaited Marine Act.

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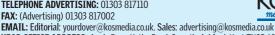
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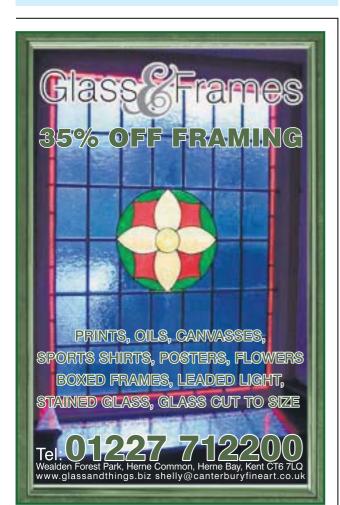
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Having a laugh at the Ramada with witty trio

BY NICK AMES

THREE top comedians are booked to appear at the Comedy Club in the Dover Ramada Hotel tomorrow (Thursday).



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Tickets are £20 for the Comedy Club together with a two-course meal at the hotel in Singledge Lane, Whitfield. Visit the website www.ramadadover.co.uk, or call 01304 821230 for more details

Extra Knight School

AN ENTHUSIASTIC response to the half-term week of medieval activities has prompted Dover Castle to set up Knight School sessions in the Great Tower every Saturday and Sunday for the remainder of this month.

Young people will be able to learn some of the many tasks a 12thcentury knight would have undertaken during many years of training.

Sessions will run every Saturday and Sunday in March, at 12.30pm and 1.30pm each day. Youngsters who do well will be pre-

sented with a certificate to show they have reached the standard required of a member of the leading medieval

order of chivalry.

For more information, go to www.english-heritage.org.uk or call 0870 333 1181.

MMR plea to parents

NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent is urging parents to ensure children have the MMR triple jab after controversial research on the vaccine was

Medical journal The Lancet, which originally published research indicatoriginally published research indicating a possible link between autism and the MMR vaccine, has now issued a full retraction.

This followed the announcement that the paper's main author, Dr Andrew Wakefield, was ruled by the

General Medical Council to have broken research rules.

Within Eastern and Coastal Kent the percentage of children being immunised in accordance with the national vaccination and immunisa-tion schedule by the age of one, is lower than the national figure.

Positive performance

POSITIVE results have been highlighted in the latest performance figures for Dover District Council.

Figures from the first three quarters of 2009 show satisfaction of community partners and stakeholders in council support was 100 per cent.

All calls regarding strays and dog fouling were investigated within three working days and 99 per cent of calls on noise were responded to

within five working days.

Cllr Ian Ward, cabinet member for corporate resources and performance, said: "We are a low tax authority, and these are difficult times, but we continue to work for our communities and to deliver a wide range of excellent customer services, and this is great news for the district."

Crooks snared in ANPR blitz

A MAN was arrested for drug offences and drivers were dealt with for motoring crimes during a crackdown on suspect vehicles in the Dover district.

Automatic number plate recognition – known as ANPR – teams worked with student officers and motorcycle teams to catch offenders using the A20 near the port and A2 at Whitfield.

It was part of a national day of action to intercept vehicles that acti-vated ANPR cameras.

A spokesman said: "This takes place if we suspect criminal use or road traffic matters, for example, if a driver is thought to be uninsured.

"When a vehicle activates a camera, an alert is sent to the ANPR team at Kent Police's communications centre, who broadcast the



FAIR COPS: Officers who took part in the suspect-vehicles crackdown in and around Dover

details to local patrols to intercept." The 28-year-old man from Dover was arrested after officers allegedly found drugs in his car, which was

impounded. He was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class B drugs and has been released on

bail pending further inquiries.

Another 28-year-old was stopped when ANPR indicated his car was uninsured. He was issued with a court summons. Two further drivers were issued with fixed-penalty notices for having no insurance.

PC Ian Clark said: "ANPR technology helps us catch criminals who use the road network as they go about their activities.

"We will continue to use ANPR to target drivers of interest to us so we can disrupt and deter criminals."

Volunteers sweep tide of plastic from beach

BY NICK AMES

AN ASTONISHING 37 sacks of litter were removed from the shoreline in the latest stage of a clean-up of our beaches.

Ferry company SeaFrance is behind the project, which has been warmly received by conservationists. SeaFrance staff and residents braved cold weather to carry out their quarterly beach clean at Kingsdown.

As part of their work as lead sponsor of the Marine Conservation Society's Beachwatch programme, SeaFrance staff regularly join local people to clean beaches and monitor litter levels

Information from the monitoring underpins statistics used by the Marine Conservation Society in its campaigns and environmental work which is aimed at protecting wildlife as well as keeping the shoreline clean.

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Twenty-eight volunteers filled more than 37 sacks with litter, the majority of which consisted of plastic and plastic netting.

SeaFrance managing director Robin Wilkins said the work was extremely important.

He said: "The fact is plastic may never totally degrade. Some sea areas contain more than 46,000 pieces of plastic litter in every square mile of ocean and this has a devastating effect on sealife.

"Seabirds mistake plastic for food, or become entangled in netting, often with fatal results. "The work of the Marine Conservation Society

"The work of the Marine Conservation Society is crucial in raising awareness of the damage



IT'S IN THE BAG: Beach-clean volunteer at Kingsdown

that litter can do to our treasured marine life." Conservationists say the problem of litter on beaches has worsened over the years and presents a big danger to wildlife.

They continually urge people to clear up behind them when they visit the beach – but not all heed their advice.

A spokesman said: "Litter is swamping our oceans and is washing up on beaches.



TANGLED: A black-headed gull caught in fishing line

"It kills wildlife, looks disgusting, is a hazard to health and costs millions to clear up. There are two pieces of litter for every footstep you take on a beach. Marine wildlife gets entangled in litter and accidentally ingests it.

"Turtles mistake plastic bags for jellyfish and the bags block their stomachs, often leading to death from starvation. Seabirds mistake floating plastic litter for food, and 90 per cent of fulmars found dead around the North Sea have plastic in their stomachs.

"Plastic litter on beaches has increased 146 per cent since 1994. Plastic never biodegrades. It just breaks down into small pieces but does not disappear.

not disappear.
"Microplastic particles are now found inside filter feeding animals and among sand grains on our beaches.

"Litter comes from many sources – the public, fishing, sewage and shipping, but it is all preventable."

FBI investigates tourist internet scam in port

THE FBI is investigating an internet scam that used the address of a business in Dover to con friends of an American tourist out of money.

The woman – known only as Kimberly – had been mugged while visiting the UK, and was left with no money, credit cards or cell phone.

According to US authorities, an email was sent to all her contacts, begging them to send money. The email included a money exchange in Dover, where friends and family could wire funds, about £1,450, needed to get her home.

FBI agent Brent Dana said: "Unfortunately many of these scam let-

FBI agent Brent Dana said: "Unfortunately many of these scam letters actually get a response. Most originate from other countries, where the FBI has no jurisdiction."

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Tess Franklin on her Oriental food store in Dover. Search 'Tess'

Time to put up nestboxes

THE RSPB is making a final call to people to put up nest boxes as the breeding season for birds will soon get under way.

Experts say whilst some birds may have already chosen their nest sites, a few species may still take up residence.

up residence.
Sophie McCallum, RSPB spokeswoman, said: "If you've still got nest boxes sitting in your shed or garage, now is the time to get them out.

"Ideally nest boxes should go up in autumn for winter shelter followed by breeding but you could still get birds coming to nest if you put boxes up now."

Tits start investigating nesting sites in February but carry on into March and spotted flycatchers won't be arriving in the UK until April or May.

Some birds have multiple broods and robins and wrens may use a nest box that has recently been put up for later broods.

Over 60 bird species are known to have used nest boxes. Regular residents include blue tits, nuthatches, house sparrows and starlings.

The species that use your nest box will depend on the type of box, where it is located and its surroundings

Boxes for blue tits, sparrows or starlings should be fixed two to four metres up a tree or wall.

Feast from the East as Tess fills the gap

FILIPINO foods have arrived in Dover thanks to businesswoman Tess Franklin's eye for an opening in

Cruise liners which arrive in the harbour have many crew members from the Phillipines.

So Tess – who has Filipino heritage – thought she could help provide some culinary help for them.

"I know it's a hard time for small businesses and shops are closing everywhere, but I think being in a specialist market will help me prosrow" also soid

per," she said.

"There is not a great deal of opportunity to purchase Oriental foods in Dover and there is a growing enthusiasm for people to experiment at home with new dishes.

"So I have set up selling spices and sauces and other ingredients.

"Quite often people will ask me how to recreate a dish they have seen on a TV cookery show, so I do that as well."

The Oriental Mini Mart in the

Charlton Centre has been open a few weeks with Tess making frequent journeys to specialist wholesalers in London coming back with specialities from China and Japan as well as her native islands.

"It's going well," said Tess. "People



GOOD TASTE: Tess Franklin's new store

seem to like the idea and the feedback has been very positive. I feel it's a good sign for the town that my business is prospering."



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TRIBUTE: Rolls-Royce cars from the last century will parade past the statue of CS Rolls, left, on Dover seafront

Centenary event to honour Rolls's **Channel crossing**

ONE hundred Rolls-Royce cars will parade along Dover seafront in June to mark the centenary of the first non-stop return flight across the Channel by Charles Rolls.

The event is set to take place on Sunday, June 6, and forms the climax to a range of free events to mark the anniversary.

The event is being supported by Rolls-Royce PLC and organised by Dover district and town councils.

Events lined up include the chance to see Charles Rolls's only surviving car, an original 8hp Panhard Levassor, which he brought to one of the UK's earliest motor shows at Crabble Athletic Ground in 1899

Refurbished

A special exhibition at Dover Museum from June to September and the statue of CS Rolls on Dover seafront will be refurbished and rededicated on Sunday, June 6.

Other celebrations include a firework display on Saturday, June 5, a Continental market, a vintage-car display and a vintage bus to connect the seafront, Market Square and Western Heights.

This year heralds the centenary of the first non-stop return flight across the

Hands off our port,

says Tory hopeful

sell-off of the Port of Dover.

Charlie Elphicke, the Conservative candidate for Dover and Deal, says he is opposed to any

He is united with Labour rival Gwyn Prosser over the issue, which is set to become a major topic during the forthcoming general election.

BY NICK AMES

English Channel, from Dover to Calais and back, by Rolls.

The Rolls-Royce company had many other local connections with the Dover area.

Henry Royce and his engineers were based in St Margaret's between 1913 and 1917, when they developed the first Rolls-Royce aeroplane engines.

Claude Johnson, the first managing director of Rolls-Royce, had a weekend house for many years in Kingsdown.

From 1908 until just after the Second World War, Palmer's of Dover was one of a few select coach-building companies providing bodywork for Rolls-Royce cars.

Paul Watkins, leader of Dover District Council, said: "This is a prestigious opportunity to showcase the district.

"We are delighted to be able to host these events to mark the centenary of Rolls's historic flight and to celebrate the many connections between Dover and the iconic Rolls-Royce company."

The Mayor of Dover, Sue Jones, said: "Dover can yet again enjoy the benefits of a free event thanks to its strategic position as the place aviation pioneers chose to exhibit their bravery. Our thanks go to everyone who is supporting the event

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Mr Elphicke said: "The Port of Dover is a national asset and vital to the security of the UK. "There is no way it should be sold off." The proposal to sell the port has come about

because of the national debt that the UK has. Search 'Elphicke'

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Plea for assault witnesses

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after an assault in St Richard's Road, Deal, on Saturday, February 27, between 1am and

A 38-year-old man was approached by two others as he returned home after a night out.

Police say that as he turned into St Richard's Road from nearby Salisbury Road he became aware of the two men, who confronted him and demanded cash.

He protested and the two men punched and kicked him to the ground before stealing his

The man sustained multiple cuts and bruises and was treated at Queen Elizabeth Queen Mother Hospital in Margate.

The first offender is white, 16-19, 5ft 6in tall, of medium build and with curly hair. He wore a blue hooded top with jagged writing.

The second is believed to be white, aged

20-25, 5ft 10in tall, with short hair and was wearing a light-grey hooded top.

If you have information, call police on 01303 289180 or Crimestoppers on 080 555111.

Did you see A257 crash?

WITNESSES are being sought after an over-taking car on the A257 near Ash caused another to brake suddenly, leading to a crash.

The incident happened at about 5.45 pm on Tuesday, March 9, near Wingham Bird Park. A car travelling towards Sandwich overtook a number of vehicles, causing an oncoming car

to brake suddenly to avoid a head-on collision. A car travelling behind the oncoming car

crashed into the back of it. The car that had been overtaking failed to stop at the scene. No one was injured.

Witnesses are asked to phone PC Ian Crouch on 01622 690690.

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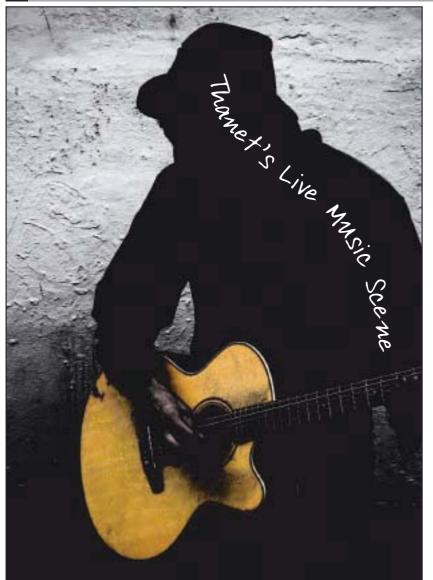
CRIME-FIGHTING charity Crimestoppers is reminding residents that it never cold-calls individuals and that any cold-callers claiming to represent Crimestoppers are misleading the public.

The warning follows reports Crimestoppers that households in Deal and Birchington have received calls from individuals claiming to be from Crimestoppers, selling security systems.

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Questions in the House from MP over port sale

BY **NICK AMES**

THE possible sell-off of the Port of Dover has been raised in the House of Commons by MP Gwyn Prosser.

At Prime Minister's Questions, the Dover and Deal representative said: "Norfolkline, SeaFrance and P&O Ferries have all attacked Dover Harbour Board's proposals to sell off the Port of Dover, accusing it of abuse of power and threatening legal action through the

"The people of Dover, the seafarers and the port-workers all oppose privatisation. Does my Right Honourable Friend agree that to sell the Port of Dover would be the wrong thing?

"I do not expect that he will say yes to that, but does he agree that no government would allow the sale of a port without the trust and support of the main stakeholders?

Gordon Brown replied: "I have always seen my Honourable Friend as the most effective campaigner on behalf of the people of Dover. "I repeat today what I said recently: there

will be no forced privatisation under Labour.

"We are not pressurising the port to privatise, but we must look for new options in the investment necessary for port expansion and Dover's regeneration. Any proposals, however, would need to take account of the views of the community and the stakeholders.



TROUBLED WATERS: Dover MP Gwyn Prosser has questioned PM Gordon Brown about the proposed sell-off of the port

After the exchange, the Tory parliamentary candidate for Dover and Deal, Charlie Elphicke, said: "Mr Prosser asked, does the Prime Minister 'agree that to sell the Port of Dover would be the wrong thing? I do not

expect that he will say yes to that ...'
"Why not? Why didn't Mr Prosser expect Mr Brown to say selling the port would be the wrong thing to do?

"Because he knows Mr Brown wants the Port of Dover sold for a quick buck. Mr Prosser let the cat out of the bag there. I think we can

all see what's really going on."

Meanwhile, the Labour group on Dover District Council has come out strongly against the proposed privatisation of the port. Deputy leader Gordon Cowan said: "We all know the privatisation of the port could have a major effect on jobs and the economy.

"Future decisions would be driven by what is best for shareholders rather than what is best for jobs and the local economy.

"And it's unnecessary. The port can still attract investment for new facilities without going down the privatisation route.

Plans to sell off the port for about £500 million have been put forward as a way for the Government to gain funds to try to pay off the national debt, but they have not been well received locally.

Jools marches in for Army concert

BOOGIE-woogie pianist and TV presenter Jools Holland played alongside musicians from the military at a concert in Dover.

The Duke of York's Royal Military School was the venue for a show in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund.

In a military dress uniform, the former Squeeze keyboardplayer performed on a number of show tunes. Also on the GUEST: Jools Holland bill were Deal singer



Rebecca Robinson and the Band of the Gurkhas



SONGBIRD: Rebecca Robinson with Gurkhas







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Tell us something about yourself

Having spent most of our life together working, bringing up family and studying in London, my wife and I moved to Sellindge some 16 years ago. We were very lucky to find a period house in which we could entertain. I support a trust that has international connections and we host small gatherings of writers and artists. We were also lucky that the house had a large garden which kept both of us fully occupied.

What would you say is Sellindge's appeal?

Sellindge constantly surprises one. It has such amazing pockets of wonder, like the river behind the railway line where I have seen kingfishers and egrets, or the folds of land and quarry behind Stone Hill. And then, of course, there are the people who live here.

How did you first become involved in the anti-sludge plant campaign?

When we learned that we were to be threatened by the proposed recycling plant at Otterpool Lane, I went to a meeting and advocated a young man to establish a residents' group, but they ended up electing me to do the job and I have been working with a great team of people ever since. Sellindge, Lympne, Newingreen and Stanford all have a terrific spirit and the threat of the recycling

plant and the madness of building a lorry park at the other end of the village has brought about a real sense of unity here.

What effect do you believe such a plant could have on the village of Sellindge?

A The extension of the industrial link park and the proposed lorry park are evidence of a wider movement of industrialisation that must be resisted.

This is a rural area and that is why people want to live here.

Why spoil places like Westenhanger Castle, Port Lympne and the racecourse, which are major tourist attractions?

Why bring ruin to the splendid Airport Café, serving 50,000 meals a year, or endanger the health of people living and working in the 21 houses and businesses close to the quarry?

What do you think of the proposed thousands of houses and lorry park near junction 11?

Can you imagine pouring millions of tons of concrete all over the land between Aldington and Sellindge just to accommodate lorries on the few days there are problems on the ferries?

There are 7,500 HGVs going in and out of Dover each day and by the time the park is built this is expected to rise to 13,000 and probably more. What use then for a park which will only hold 3,000 HGVs – not enough space even for one day? So of course they will

want to cover even more land with concrete – they'll end up burying all of us.

What do you think could be done to improve and enhance the quality of life for people in Sellindge?

Sellindge should be given back its village green, which was enclosed way back in 1810, by the family of the farmer who now owns the Otterpool quarry. We could build houses, a pub and a new village hall around it and it would give Sellindge the centre that it deserves.

How can people find out more about your campaign and get involved?

A If you would like to support the residents' association, you can find details on www.slurry.org.uk or phone 01303 813 140.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

The old saying 'The price of freedom is teternal vigilance' means watching as things happen now. It does not mean feeling guilty about the past or worrying about the future. But living in the present is difficult and one needs encouragement.

I belong to a group of friends called The Millennium Trust who meet regularly to explore how this kind of idea can become a practical reality in the way we live.

You can get the details on our website at www.millenniumtrust.co.uk.

The head of Sellindge and District Residents' Association speaks to **James Alexandre** about the delights of living in the village and his opposition to a proposed recycling plant and massive lorry park in the area





Stone reminder of woman's grisly death by lonely bay

BY NICK AMES

WALKERS at Sandwich Bay have long been intrigued by a memorial stone with an unusual inscription by the side of it.

It gives the bare details of what was obviously a terrible crime committed in the past and which must have aroused local passions intensely for a memorial to be erected.

Mary Bax's Stone, which has stood for more than 200 years, marks a gruesome murder.

The story goes that on August 25, 1782, Mary Bax was walking along the old road from Deal to Sandwich carrying a parcel.

She was just beyond the Chequers Inn when she was apprehended by an absent-without-leave Swedish sailor, Martin Lash, who demanded the parcel.

She refused and in the struggle was struck many times and murdered – her body being concealed in a ditch.

The murder was witnessed by a young boy – the son of "a looker [shepherd] in the marshes", who ran back to Deal to raise the alarm.

A search of the immediate area proved unproductive, but it was then widened to include nearby towns.

Eventually, Lash was arrested in Folkestone after being discovered asleep at the foot of a tombstone in the churchyard – still in possession of the stolen parcel.



He was taken to Maidstone gaol, tried and executed for Mary Bax's murder. During this period in history, hanging was the

During this period in history, hanging was the most usual punishment for murder, while lesser crimes would result in a prison sentence or deportation to one of the colonies of the British Empire – usually Australia.

Hangings could be carried out in towns and villagers and were usually open to public

viewing. It was not until more than a century later that they were either carried out behind the walls of a prison or at special places such as Tyburn in London.

The stone and its plaque are in a remote stretch of the bay but have continued to attract attention from historians, who managed to piece together the details of the murder and include it on a website aimed at visitors.



STASH: Cigarettes had been concealed on a lorry

Foreign pair jailed over cigarette haul

TWO men have been jailed for attempting to smuggle 2.5 million cigarettes into the UK through the Port of Dover without paying the necessary £411,475 in excise duty.

Thierry Desmet, 51, a café-owner from Brussels, and Gergios Stellas, 35, a fish merchant from Rhodes, were sentenced to two years and 20 months respectively at Maidstone Crown Court on Friday, March 12.

Stellas and Desmet were stopped when they arrived at Dover Eastern Docks on a ferry from Calais.

UK Border Agency officers discovered the haul when they searched the lorry and found the cigarettes concealed among garden ornaments and pots.

Desmet and Stellas were arrested and officers commenced their investigation.

Heidi Foggon, assistant director of customs criminal investigations, said: "Cigarette-smugglers cheat the country of vital revenue to fund vital public services like hospitals and schools.

"Smuggling also has a devastating impact on honest retailers. We will not hesitate to take action against those smuggling cigarettes into the country.

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Air ambulance searches for its fund-raising stars



TWENTY years ago, Kent's emergency services changed forever with the introduction of a dedicated air-ambulance crew.

Within just a week of its launch, eight people two of whom would almost certainly have died – were saved by the service.

And since its introduction in 1990, this figure has soared, with hundreds now safe and

well thanks to the committed crew.

But officials at the Kent Air Ambulance
Trust have admitted the real heroes are those who spend their time raising vital cash to fund the £1.7 million needed annually to keep the

service running.

And to show their appreciation, a special awards ceremony, sponsored by KOS Media, is being held to mark the 20th anniversary and

thank the fund-raisers.

John Tickner, chief executive of Kent Air Ambulance, said the awards – the first of their kind – acknowledged the huge support the charity had in the county.

He said: "This year marks a special anniversary in the life of the air ambulance, but this has only been made possible by the generosity of the people in Kent."

Since 1991, almost every penny of the £1.7m needed per year has come from public donations, with funds paying for doctors, fuel, training, equipment and medication. Officials are hoping to raise even more money so the service can also run through the night.

And in 1998, when a crash took the lives of pilot Graham Budden and paramedics Mark Darby and Tony Richardson, donations flooded in for a new helicopter bearing the initials of the casualties.

Lynn Hyder, county fund-raiser at the air ambulance, said the charity was now inviting nominations from the public saying who they thought should be commended for their fundraising efforts.

Ms Hyder said: "All these inspiring people have helped save lives through their generosity and we think these awards are a fitting tribute to show our thanks."

The black-tie ceremony is being held at Folkestone's Leas Cliff Hall on Saturday, May 8.

To nominate someone, fill in the form (right) and send it to Freepost Kent Air Ambulance.

Life-saving service to hold special ceremony in honour of those who raise vital £1.7m needed each year

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Grand designs recognised at awards evening

A RESTORED mausoleum, a house built from a railway carriage and Ashford's shared-space scheme were among the winners at the Kent Design Awards.

The ceremony, organised by Kent County Council, saw architects behind some of the county's most iconic buildings recognised for their work.

Of the winners, the Darnley Mausoleum, in Cobham Wood, near Gravesend, received the first-ever project-of-the-year award in memory of former KCC leader Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart, who died in August 2008.

Canterbury architects Purcell Miller Tritton and PAYE Stonework and Restoration of

London were applauded for their "labour of love" which brought the 18th century listed building back to life after years of vandalism and a major fire in 1980.

KCC's innovative Ashford shared-space scheme, which sees pedestrians and cars sharing the roads, picked up the town-and-village renaissance award.

An unusual beach house at Dungeness made from a 19th-century railway carriage was named the residential minor-development

Judge Mathew Woodhead, director of urban design at DHA Planning in Maidstone, said the standard of buildings in and around Kent was exceptionally high. He said that although there were different categories with unique designs, there were four things judges were looking for.

These were how the building interacted with the surrounding area; usability and who it was designed for; quality of the architecture; and whether key urban design principles were followed, he said.

"Personally, I was really impressed by Folkestone's Quarterhouse. It is an iconic building for the community and it's already attracting lots of musicians and artists. Despite being modern architecture, the building follows the same principles as the older ones around it."



TAKE YOUR PICK: KOS Media's annual show will see thousands flock to discover holiday bargains

Travel and leisure show offers host of getaway deals

EXCLUSIVE deals for day-trips, weekend breaks and holidays abroad will be on offer at KOS Media's third annual Travel and Leisure Show.

Last year's event was a huge success, with more than 4,000 visitors flocking to the Dover Cruise Terminal to find out more about the attractions available on their doorstep, as well as those on the other side of the Channel and beyond.

This year's show will be held at the same venue on Sunday, March 28, and promises to be bigger and better than

KOS Media events manager Liz Hare said: "After two successful years, the show has become the biggest of its kind

in the region.
"With the variety of local tourist attractions, cruising holidays and many other leisure opportunities, it provides a great day out for all the family.

"In previous years, many visitors have actually booked their holiday at the show itself or taken advantage of other great exclusive show offers."

This year's Travel and Leisure Show will take place just one week after the end of British Tourism Week, which aims to raise awareness of the importance of the industry to the national economy.

Among the companies represented will be many of the major cruise-lines and ferry operators, with some great cross-Channel offers and short breaks avail-able to book on the day.

Presentation

Coaching holidays will also be promot-

ed, as will air travel through Kent International Airport at Manston. Representatives from many of Kent's biggest tourist attractions – as well from the lesser-known little gems' – will be on hand to answer any questions visitors may have, and there will also be a presentation theatre with speakers covering a range of topics throughout the day.

As well as the large number of companies exhibiting at the event, there will be a competition to win a two-week cruise courtesy of Fred.Olsen Cruise Lines.

There are 31 other fantastic prizes to be won, including an overnight stay with dinner at Canterbury's ABode Hotel, a return Channel crossing provided by Norfolkline and a family membership of Kent Wildlife Trust.

Children's entertainment, a licensed bar and refreshments will also be avail-able throughout the day, which runs from 9.30am-4.30pm.

Admission and parking to the show is free, but visitors can beat the queues by registering for fast-track entry by visiting www.thetravelandleisureshow.co.uk for more information; alternatively, phone Liz Hare on 01303 817172.

yourschools

Pupils rock house with their tribute to music of Queen



BY NICK AMES

FOR three evenings the 48-strong cast of We Will Rock You, featuring young people from Dover and Folkestone, played to packed houses in the New Eden Theatre at St Edmund's Catholic School.

"I have seen some impressive school productions in my time, but none has been as stunning as this," said Chris Atkin, executive head-teacher of the Dover school.

"The musical pays homage to the rock group Queen, and the challenge in some of the songs is to match the prodigious vocal range of the legendary Freddie Mercury."

Audience members said that Abi Orfila, from Folkestone, who took the role of Scaramouche opposite Charlie Bowyer, from Deal, as Galileo, was stunning with her rendition of Somebody To Love.

The crowd also felt that Abi and Charlie's Who Wants To Live Forever was tender and demonstrated the richness and warmth of their years

Peri O'Bree played Khashoggi, opposite Carrie Marsden as Killer Queen.

Their combined strong vocals, easy movement and dance, a wicked humour and, in the case of Carrie, "a quite frightening and domi-



Rebecca Robson as Meat and Ben Weaver as Britney.

The crowd enjoyed the pure tones of Rebecca in I Want It All and Only the Good Die Young,

More impressive performances came from

which were contrasted effectively against the power and energy of the character played by Ben.

To complete the principal roles, Amy

To complete the principal roles, Amy Dowling played the enigmatic Pop with great aplomb.

Adam Reed, head of school at St Edmund's, said: "Shows of this quality can only be obtained by first-class production and backstage teams working with a dedicated group of performers.
"While some of the more senior members of

"While some of the more senior members of the cast performed at a level that would not have been out of place on a professional stage, this would not have been possible without the talent and hard work of the entire cast."

One young member of the audience, 10-yearold Emmeline Carney, said how much she had enjoyed the performance.

She said: "The show totally rocked and really had my mum and I tapping our feet. The singing gave me goose bumps and the band was awesome."

TALENTED: The cast of We Will Rock You take to the stage for the finale, above. Below, Charlie Bowyer as Galileo; far left, Abi Orfila as Scaramouche



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YOUR LETTERS

Pedestrians must come before cyclists

With regard to the first phase of the proposed Dover cycleway, it was interesting to read the letter from Ian Taylor of the Association of British Drivers commenting on the Kent Highways proposals for cycleways in Dover.

We share his concern, albeit for different reasons.

Kent Highways has not consulted the usual user groups as per conventional practice.

If this is done, any problems can usually be ironed out at an early, informed stage.

Apparently, Highways has considered traffic flows but not pedestrians. We are all pedestrians at one time or another and it is usually their space on which cyclists encroach.

In a small country, space is at a premium. Shared cycle/pedestrian use is usually to the detriment of pedestrians. We are concerned.

A major factor is illegal cycling on ordinary footpaths and most cyclists ignoring red traffic lights.

The police rarely enforce such

rules in Dover, so life for the town pedestrian gets less safe by the day.

Responsible cycling should be encouraged, but not at the expense

of pedestrians.
We share Mr Taylor's concern for Barton Path, which should be for leisurely walking to enjoy the river and we have said so as part of our comments to Kent Highways.

Graham Wanstall **Open Spaces Society**

Heritage slowly turning to dust

So, as expected, Romney Marsh's natural heritage looks even more likely to be protected with the news that Lydd airport's plans have been stalled yet again by the Government Office of the South East - and quite right, too, in my

The airport's so-called defence is likely to be as robust as the proverbial Swiss cheese at any public inquiry, I suspect.

As for Folkestone's built heritage, another part sadly bites the dust.

This being the former Rendevous Club, more than 100 years old, in Tontine Street

Surely a reasonably skilled architect could have incorporated at least the frontage into the new building, presumably to be flats, as with the nearby redeveloped former

Brewery Tap pub site?
Elsewhere, I'm sure most will also be concerned at the lack of progress over the Leas Lift facility.

It has been languishing unused over the winter, subjected to the very bad weather we had and a fire in the lower station.

It's usually due to restart operations from Easter, but due to the above, and the lack of any usage or proper inspection since September, it's very unlikely to be

TALK TIME

GRANT PERKINS

The Ramsgate author on his new book, Dwayne Hickenbottom And The Journey To The Centre Of The Birth



What is your new book about? Dwayne Hickenbottom is a cowardly nobody with a yellow streak longer than a mile of custard. When he finds himself pulled from his mundane life and forced into a world of adventure on planet Doxxville, hilarity ensues.

How many books have you written?

Two novels and a poetry book following the adventures of my comedic anti-hero. Dwayne Hickenbottom And The War Boots Of Doxxville and Journey To The Centre Of The Birth are both available through my website [www.thegrantperkins.com], along with my poetry book, Doxxville Tales.

What are your inspirations?

Douglas Adams, Rob Grant, L Frank Baum and Lewis Carroll, although I frequently find myself being compared to Terry Pratchett.

Where else can people buy your books? For those not online, the books are available over the counter at my father's cycle shop, The Bike Shed, 71 Canterbury Road, Westbrook

available to either locals or visitors, especially at the Burstin Hotel, from this time.

Had it at least been operated once a week to keep it in reasonable condition and repair, then it surely could have been.

Further, the lack of news about a potential new operator, other than some vague news several weeks ago, leads most, I'm sure, to think that as it could take some time. given the extra amount of likely remedial and other work that will be required to run it safely and efficiently after the above non-use, it may not even be running this

In view of this, while there may be ongoing behind-the-scenes efforts, I'm confident most local people would like an immediate update from the Folkestone Estate and Shepway council as to the current situation regarding the lift and as to when it is likely to be made ready for operation, if at all, this year.

Digital Bill infringes ruling on copyright

Open letter to Michael Howard MP. Gwyn Prosser MP and Dr Stephen Ladyman MP:

On behalf of the Dover branch of NO2ID, I write to make representation to you, as the representatives of the area that this campaign branch covers, concerning the Digital Economy Bill currently under consideration by Parliament

Among the provisions is what amounts to powers of blanket surveillance of communications for no more grounds than alleged copyright infringement.

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While not condoning copyright infringement, this nonetheless constitutes a major privacy infringement not justified by the reasons given.

I wish to register our opposition to this measure and hope that even if you do not share that opposition completely, and oppose the measure, you will act to safeguard our rights from more outrageous state intrusions.

Ian Taylor

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Joe Public pays price for council nonsense

Gold cufflinks-lifestyle of council bosses while staff and services are cut or removed...

The Audit Commission report on council bosses' gold cufflinkscontracts expose the reality of our local council structure.

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radical restructure. How much longer must Joe Public have top-heavy council tax?

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Reg Hansell Shenherdswell

in the first place? I commend blogger Gary Wright for having the courage to publicly support the proposed fat tax for is largely a product of their own

overweight airline passengers. I completely agree that if one person takes up more room and weighs significantly more than his or her fellow passengers, they should pay more for a flight, particularly if their immense mass

Who piled on pounds

greed.

I was once duped by a friend of a friend's partner into believing that thyroid problems had caused her to balloon from a size ten to 18, only to discover months later she had a passion for eating Chinese takeaways late at night.
Reading Mr Wright's blog

inspired me to write about a pet hate of my own with regard to the obese - the vast amount of attention that former fatties are given by the media when they shed a stone or two.

It isn't only celebrities whose weight-loss adorns the pages of newspapers and women's magazines - local papers are getting in on the act, too, praising faceless nobodies for dropping a few dress - or shirt - sizes.

However, the journalists writing these stories, and probably a lot of the people reading them, are forgetting one significant point that these people allowed themselves to pile on the pounds in the first place.

Of course, weight-loss for individuals who are clinically or morbidly obese is a positive thing for their health, their self-esteem and for the poor passengers who have to sit next to them on planes.

Emily Grant (size 10)

Invest in our young and save generation

It is no secret that young people have borne the brunt of this recession.

More than one in seven young people living in the South East are now on the dole – that's 89,600 16to 24-year-olds.

But it is all too easy to dismiss these young people as a lost generation'.

Each one of them has skills and talents that could make a real difference to this country.

The alarming new report from The Prince's Trust and the Citi Foundation reveals that the South East could lose thousands of vital workers - nurses, teachers, doctors and social-workers - if we fail to help young people find jobs.

We can't afford to stifle young talents now, particularly as we emerge from the longest recession on record.

Those with fewest qualifications need our support the most as they struggle to compete with graduates flooding the jobs market.

Only by investing in these young people now can we ensure this undiscovered generation isn't lost.

Rosemary Watt-Wyness The Prince's Trust in the South East

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In our ever-growing PC world, some age-old favourites have been making the headlines



Neither rhyme nor reason to nanny state's new orthodoxy

LET'S relax and take a nostalgic look at the nursery rhymes so beloved by young children.

Altogether now: "Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of water. There was none as extreme weather due to climate change had caused a drought."

The reason: "Extreme weather conditions such as flooding, heat waves and storms will become more frequent and intense."

Or how about "Rub a dub dub, three men in a tub — a necessary course of action due to flash-flooding caused by climate change"?

This, of course, is because "Climate change is happening. Temperature and sea levels are rising. Extreme weather events such as storms, floods and heat waves will become more frequent and intense. If we carry on at this rate, life in 25 years could be very different.".

Maybe "Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall – to

Maybe "Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall – to escape rising sea levels caused by climate change melting the polar ice-caps".

OK, so the last one is made up, but the first two are not and the Advertising Standards Authority has ruled them unnecessarily alarmist. And who made them up? Why, the Government, of course, showing nothing is safe from the nanny state. Not even innocent children's verse.

Even plans to re-run the famous TV advert from the 1960s featuring Tony Hancock – to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 'go to work on an egg' strapline – fell foul of the Broadcast Advertising Clearance Centre.

BACC felt the ad "goes against what is now the generally-accepted advice of a varied diet". And Shelter has fallen foul of the radio equivalent, RACC, for a campaign that promotes its housing-advice service because the ads are deemed to be too political and denigrate the Government and its services.

The ads, which point out that there is a three-year waiting list for council houses, were deemed to breach the 2003 Communications Act.

So maybe these groups aren't just a load of

interfering busybodies. Perhaps there's an agenda – to stifle debate on subjects the Government doesn't want highlighted. A frightening thought.

The advocates of climate change are targeting the young to ensure they grow up maintaining an orthodox viewpoint. Any deviation puts the proposer firmly in a corner occupied by the likes of Richard Littlejohn. So let's hear it for trendy causes across the spectrum:

"Georgie Porgie, pudding and pie, Kissed the boys and made them cry, But when they complained to No 10,

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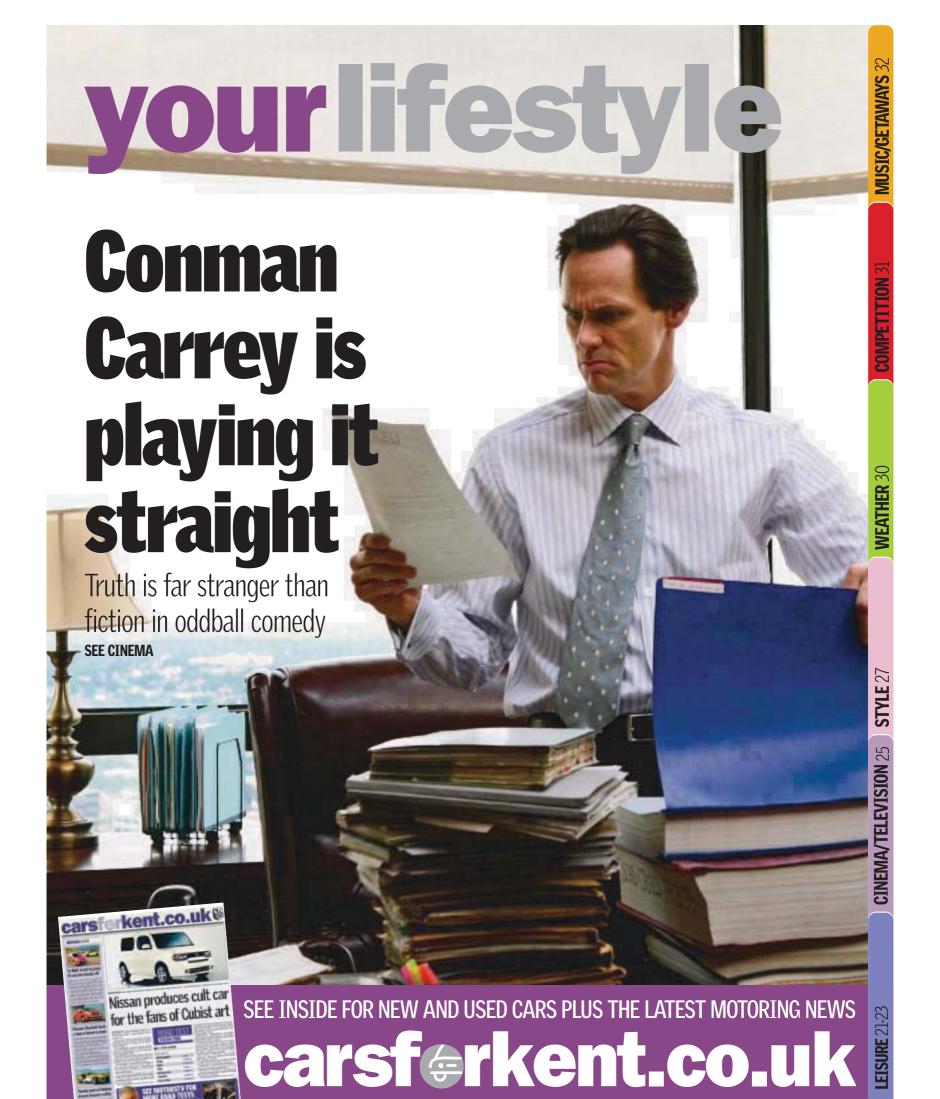
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The venue is in an idyllic hamlet yet is close to all amenities. The golf club at Royal St George's is just a few miles away, as is historic Sandwich



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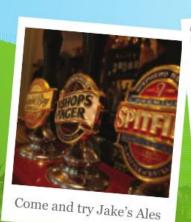
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Quartet back at Grand

THE Lawrence Fletcher Quartet returns for an evening of live jazz on Thursday.

With 'Fletch' on saxes, bass player Kim James, drummer Bill Johnson and Clive Hicks on vibes, the concert will be held in Keppels Music Room at The Grand at 8.30pm and admission costs £5. For details call Beryl Wood on 01303 277175.

Triple bill of laughter

THREE top comedians visit Ashford on Friday to keep the laughter flowing at The Comedy Club.

Ashford International Hotel hosts the over-18s event featuring Mandy Muden, Anthony King and The Noise Next Door.

The show starts at 9pm and tickets cost £14 for the show or £20/£18 with a two-course meal. To book call 01233 219988 or visit www.hahaheehee.com.

Singing in the sunshine

ENJOY an evening of musical sunshine as Cantiana perform at Faversham's United Reformed Church.

The singing group will give a fundraising concert called Bring Me Sunshine at 3pm on Saturday. Tickets are available from Lis on 01795 886847 and from the Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre on 01795

Juniors take to stage

TAKE a trip along Life's Winding Road with the Sarah Thorne Junior Drama Group this weekend.

The group will perform short stories, and poems at the Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs, at 7pm on Saturday and 2.30pm on Sunday. Tickets are £7/£5. Call 0845 2626263 or email info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.

Packed bill at gig night

RISING band LeCarla headline an evening of live music at Westcoast in Margate on Friday.

Also on the bill are local pop-punk group Eleven:Eleven, Welsh ska-dub band Dirty Revolution, Mike Lloyd from Challenge the Chess Club and indie-rock band CWB from Canterbury.

Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets cost £2. The show is suitable for all ages.

Award-winning comic

AWARD-WINNING comic Rudi Lickwood headlines a night of laughter at the Ramada Dover this week.

Windsor is compere for the event on Thursday, with John Newton also on the bill. The show starts at 9pm and tickets are £12 for the show or £20 to include a two-course meal. To book call 01304 872843 or visit www.hahaheehee.com.

Coffee with Crooner

MEET old friends and make new ones at Coffee with the Crooner in Northgate Ward Community Centre in Canterbury.

Martin Croones will sing a selection of favourite songs from 2pm on Thursday. Join him for coffee and cake, sing, dance or just socialise.

Admission costs £2, including refreshments. Call 01227 283445 for details.

Charlie singing from the heart

CHARLIE LANDSBOROUGH

Thursday March 25 Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

AWARD-WINNING singer Charles Landsborough has been bringing joy to audiences for 30 years.

Now more successful than ever, he has been named Best Male Vocalist at the British Country Music Awards three times and plays to sell-out audiences all over the country. With his heartfelt lyrics and charming anecdotes, Landsborough wins over audiences with his diverse music and his engaging personality.

His music covers a wide range of genres such as inspirational, country, ballad and anthem, capturing audiences of all ages and the esteem

To date, Landsborough's songs have been covered by big names such as Daniel O'Donnell, Jack Jones, Pat Boone and Foster and Hamilton, to name just a few.
Although Landsborough knew that he want-

ed to write music from the age of 14, success took its time and it was 40 years later that he finally broke through in a big way. The former teacher suffered years of rejections before giving his music career a final push in 1995, a move that would have unexpected results.

Fed up with his lack of progress, Landsborough called an Irish television channel to find out if they would allow him to make a repeat appearance. His performance was a huge hit and the following week his single, What Colour Is The Wind, topped the Irish charts. From then on, Landsborough has hardly looked back, but his struggle to the top was not an easy one.

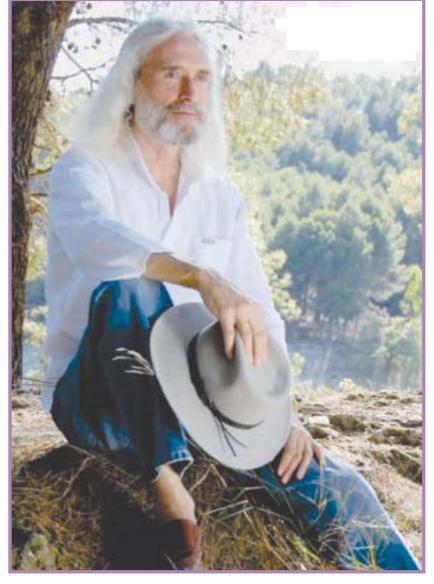
The youngest of 11 children, Landsborough grew up in Birkenhead and had a childhood that was both enchanting and tragic. His seafaring brothers would often bring home exotic gifts - including, on one memorable occasion, a monkey - and the house was full of love and

But the death of his mother when Landsborough was just 12 was a huge blow to the boy and he fell into petty crime, eventually serving two months in prison.

The shame of his conviction helped to turn his life around and after a few years doing manual jobs, a friend suggested that he should train to become a teacher. As a devoted Christian, Landsborough chose to study theology, but it soon became apparent that his heart lay with music and he swapped courses.

During his 14 years in the teaching profession, Landsborough did not give up his dream of becoming a musician and he continued to perform in clubs and pubs at night. His double life took its toll and he often had very late nights, followed by early mornings at school.

When his big break finally arrived,



Landsborough was sorry to leave the profession and retained a lot of sympathy for the pressure that teachers find themselves under today. But the big time was beckoning and following the success of his first song, Landsborough went on to have a career that must have seemed like a distant dream when he was a 14-year-old, picking out tunes on a

Over the last 15 years, Landsborough has performed all over the world and even graced the stage at the legendary Grand Ole Oprey in Nashville. Despite his massive success, Landsborough is a simple man who only has ambitions to write music and entertain his many fans around the globe. Landsborough is a natural performer who engages his audience wherever he appears.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £17.50/£15.50. To book call the box office on 0844 8471776 or visit the website at www.leascliffhall.org.uk.



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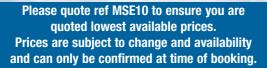
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CREATIVE SPACE

Saturday, March 27 to Thursday, September 30. Wallett's Court Country House Hotel, St Margaret's-at-Cliffe.

ART produced on Kent's creative coast goes on display at a hotel near Dover this weekend.

Creative Space features works made by artists based in the coastal area, and visitors will be able to view pieces in a variety of different media, including visually-striking eternal exhibits and art installations throughout the hotel grounds.

Participating artists include David Finlay, Lucie Flynn, Martine Caddick, Mike Teddar, Damian Wurst, Liz Finlay, Mel Mishkin and Rory Martin.

Wallett's Court is hosting the exhibition in order to provide a showcase for local artists and to promote the creative image of Kent's coastal area.

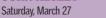
"St Margaret's has long attracted and fostered a strong creative flair among its residents and visitors," said Gavin Oakley of Wallett's Court.

"We are very excited to be involved in this project."

A special free preview will take place when visitors can meet the artists and take part in workshops, as part of the Kent Big Day Out.

The exhibition can be viewed from 9am to 9pm every day and admission is free.

To find out more, visit www.wallettscourt.com.



JOHN HEGLEY Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury

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There are also other new works to enjoy, such as tales about a parrot that does not talk. Find out how Hegley will instruct aliens on the subject of transport and see his uncanny animal impersonations, as performed with the aid of a handkerchief.

Described by critics as 'awesomely mundane', Hegley has an acute common touch and manages to capture the comedy in everyday life to hilarious effect. He has the ability to touch on surreal and bizarre subjects.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £15 or £13 for Encore! Gulbenkian members. Book online at www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk or call the box office on 01227 769075.



TO HAVE AND TO HONK

Sunday, March 28. Astor Community Theatre, Deal



THE course of true love could never run smooth in the company of the Honk Project.

In their new show, To Have and To Honk, the highlyacclaimed clowns are on their way to a wedding. But typically, the journey does not quite go to plan and the day descends into utter chaos in true Honk style.

Blending high comedy with musical exploits, the Honk Project will have audiences crying with laughter while marvelling at their fantastic tunes. Featuring 14 instruments, the show includes a delightful variety of musical styles from jazz and Dixieland to toe-tapping tunes.

To Have and To Honk is a family show that is suitable for audiences of all ages and will entertain everyone from the smallest member of the family to the grandparents.

The hour-long show is a brilliant fusion of live music and fantastic clowning, providing everyone with a honk-

ing good laugh.

The production visits Deal as part of Applause Rural Touring's spring season.

The performance starts at 2pm and tickets cost £8/£4. To book call 01304 381134 or 07802 702071 or email dealarts@talktalk.net.



MORGAN SZYMANSKI

Friday, March 26. Town Hall, Deal

young guitarist Morgan Szymanski will perform in the second of the Deal Festival Chamber concerts.

Kent music fans can look forward to yet another treat as the series of concerts continues. Szymanski was born in Mexico City in 1979 and began his musical studies at the age of just six, becoming the first guitarist to win a junior fellowship at the Royal College of Music in London.

Under the guidance of Carlos Bonell and Gary Ryan, he won all the guitar prizes as well as a scholarship to the Conservatorium van Amsterdam.

Tipped for great musical glory by critics, in the last year Szymanski has been named as 'one to watch' by Gramophone and BBC Music magazines. He also appeared on the cover of Classical Guitar Magazine and was a finalist in the 2008 Outstanding Young Artist Award.

For Friday's concert he will be performing works by Villa-Lobos, Lauro, Mangore, Piazzolla, Brouwer and Ballinatti, along with the Alex Roth Cat Dances.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £10 for one concert or £18 for two from The Sound House in Deal on 01304 381134.



THE HOOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 27, Quarterhouse, Folkestone

DISCOVER the emerging talent of two great bands at the final event of The Hook music festival in Folkestone.

Headline act Gabby Young and Other Animals have performed all over the US and Europe, winning over critics with their fantastic musicianship and unforgettable vocals.

The seven-piece band features a double bass, mandolin, flute, drums, clarinet and trumpet, all combining to produce the sound that has earned them spots at Glastonbury and other festivals.

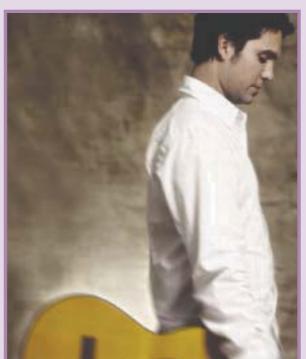
Also on the bill is Kent's Syd Arthur (pictured), an exciting four-piece that has been steadily building its profile over the last

few years.

The band has been featured on BBC Radio Kent and BBC 6 Music, as well as being selected as 'band of the day' in a national newspaper.

After years of gigging, they have been working on their debut album and Saturday's concert will be a chance for both old and new fans to experience this incredible band live.

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FIT THE BILL? Fit and healthy woman, average build. I'm 44, young looking and love animals. I would love to meet a sincere fella to spend time with. Malidstone. Box 466419
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blonde, 51, 5ft3, very caring, active, loves DIY and gardening, witm a man with similar interests to get to know better. Sheerness Box 467112 ①

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IT COULD BE US Happy-go-lucky lady, 53, 5ft3, slim, blonde-brown hair, blue eyes looking for a tall, honest guy, for love and laughter and happy times. South Kent. Box 464601 •

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DREAMS OF YOU Genuine, caring

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MY HEART TO YOU 37 year old gay female from Kent, dark brown eyes, dark hair, loves the outdoors and fresh air, gardening, DIY, seeks feminine lady for love. Box 467298

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Outgoing, young-minded male, 47, smoker, likes war games, books, cinema, castles, places of interest, seeking similar woman to boogle on the dancefloor with. Margate. Box

dancefloor with. Margate. Box 443750 €

FUN & OUTGOING? Young at heart 44yr old male, stocky build, 5ft10, Kent based, father, honest and down-to-earth, likes music, nights in walking the dog, seeks genuine lady. Box 851804 €

GOOD LOOKING BLOKE Tall man medium build. 44, 5ft9, brown

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JUST LIKE ME? Attractive male with GSOH 45, 519, brown bair

with GSOH, 45, 5ft9, brown hair green eyes, average build, looking for that really caring special person with lotsa love to give. Bexhill. Box 467037 **O**YOU AND I TOGETHER

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Easygoing hard worker, 45, slim, 6tt, looking for someone to settle down with who's honest, truthful and wanting to settle down. Gillingham. Box 466559

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Box 459876 HONESTY UPFRONT Caring male, 46, 5ft8, medium build, GSOH, loves walks and POI, seeks honest, caring lady for romantic meal. Chatham. Box 851318

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more. Box 389967
WITTY Active, adventurous, articu-late male, 43, own home/car, enjoys shopping, good food, country walks, music, most things, seeks homely, warm, trusting female. Box 408508
TRY ANYTHING ONCE Tall chap.

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Box 44456 6 © CANT SMILE WITHOUT YOU CAPPEN WITH Own house, 47, looking for a LTR, single mothers are well-come! Loves family life, cooking and beach walks. Box 448274 © FAMILY LIFE Happy-go-lucky dad, 46, sporty, keeps in good shape, own place, looking for an honest person to get to know well, possibly for relationship. Box 452446 © THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT Single

ship. Box 452446 **①**THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT Single dad, 47, enjoy most things in life, likes music, dvds and football, looking for a fun-loving female for a happy omance. Brighton. Box 466460 **①**LOCKING FOR AFFECTION? Fit

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FOR FUN & ROMANCE
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ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR! ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!
Youthful dad, 45, 510°, brown hair,
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Cranbrook Box 737529 ♀ ♀
MOVING ON... Young 52, I'm a caring male with a GSOH, enjoys sport,
music and eating out, and I would like
to meet a similar lady. Rochester. Box
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AROUND AND AROUND Active male, 59°, dark hair, 57°, keeps fit, oydtes, seeking a cuddly, curry, mature lady for friendship. Canterbury, mature lady for friendship. Canterbury SAIL AWAY Young male, 58, slim, fair hair, hard working, boat owner, likes cinema and dining out, seeks slim laidback non-smoker. Rochester. Box 467342 0°.
A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS TOGETHER? Adventurous male, 57, 517, likes walks, animals, eating in and out, camping and holidays, WLTM likewise lady with similar interests. Box 449963 0°.
IT'S A SHORE THING Genuine male, 58, 510°, GSOH, slim/medium

nale, 58, 510", GSOH, slim/medium build, like animals, cooking, beach/country walks, driving, WLTM loving, caring woman to share good times together. Seaford. Box 459280

A NORMAL GOOD GUY 62 year old very youthful guy, 5ft9, slim, athlet ic, smart, hard working, intelligent, seeks similar broad-minded lady for potential companionship. Hythe. Box 467307

seeking men

TALL ORDER 40yr old chap, 5ft8, dark, slim/muscular build, good looking, looking for a tall guy for fun. Box 439132 ❶

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Carrey excels in true story of a gay conman trying to go straight

BY **DAMON SMITH**

RUBBER-face funnyman Jim Carrey delivers his best dramatic performance since Eternal Sunshine Of The Spotless Mind in this improbable and utterly incredible true story.

Based on a novel by investigative reporter Steve McVicker, I Love You Phillip Morris charts the romance of two prison inmates and their subsequent journey of self-discovery on both sides of the bars.

Writer-directors Glenn Ficarra and John Requa (Bad Santa) strike a pleasing balance between laughter and soul-searching in this oddball comedy.

Smouldering

Crucially, Carrey generates smouldering screen chemistry as Stephen Russell with costar Ewan McGregor, convincing us that undying love and a daredevil spirit can overcome anything.

Truth is far, far stranger than Ficarra and Requa's entertaining fiction, which takes dramatic licence with dialogue and abbreviates the exploits of their white-collar crime during the 1980s and 1990s.

They escaped incarceration four times and paid a terrible price for humiliating the US prison service.

The real Russell was handed a 144-year sentence and must spend 23 hours every day confined to his cell without visitors. That's no laughing matter.

When we first meet Stephen, he is a happily married police officer with a beautiful wife, Debbie, and a young daughter.

However, the family man has a secret: he is gay.

When he can no longer keep the secret, Stephen comes out to his wife and moves to Florida with boyfriend Jimmy.



INSTANT ATTRACTION: Ewan McGregor and Jim Carrey as Phillip Morris and conman Stephen Russell

The cost of living fabulously is perilously high, and Stephen breaks the law to finance his lavish tastes.

The authorities eventually catch up with the swindler and sentence him to time in prison, where he meets softly spoken Phillip Morris (Ewan McGregor).

Struggles

The attraction is instant, and Stephen schemes to become his lover's cellmate.

When he finally gains parole, Stephen poses as a lawyer to get Phillip out of prison early, but once they are united on the outside, the former con man struggles to mend his ways. Phillip lands a high-profile position as chief financial officer at a large corporation, where

the temptation to embezzle is irresistible.

When the police invariably come knocking

for their man, Phillip is distraught: "I don't care about the money," he pleads.
"All I want is you. I just want us to be togeth-

er."
I Love You Phillip Morris is sweet, sexy and at times hilarious, posing the obvious dilem-

ma: can a gay con man go straight?

Carrey keeps his usual nervous tics and funny voices in check and the rapport with

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McGregor, sporting a Southern accent and cropped blond hair, anchors the picture.

Figarra and Requa treat characters with affection and don't shy away from the physicality of Stephen and Phillip's relationship, creating a wonderfully odd couple.

We believe in the characters and root for them, even though we know that everything Phillip says and does is for his own financial and emotional gain.

I LOVE YOU PHILLIP MORRIS Certificate 15

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YOUR TV REVIEW YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU: BBC 1 Friday



FORGETTABLE: Pete Waterman and Graham Norton preside over the debacle

NOT even Eurovison is safe from phone vote, talent show hell these days.

The annual contest is held in late May, but we have already had to endure the usual BBC nonsense that goes with picking the entry.

How we select our annual anthem seems to change a bit each year, but the process is slowly but surely morphing into yet another X Factor clone.

Last year Andrew Lloyd Webber used the exercise for self promotion purposes, but this time around it is Pete Waterman who has hijacked the event.

Armed with a song so bad that it wouldn't have got within a country mile of being a Steps B side, he lorded it up over the contestants who talked emotionally about how it was their "dream to represent Britain".

BY THOMAS BETTS

I suspect their dream is actually to be on the telly, and get a little face time in the media, but maybe I'm just a cynic

The Waterman-penned track That Sounds Good to Me' is the song destined to fill a million bargain bins

destined to fill a million bargain bins. Quite a title, as it doesn't sound good to anyone, and even he knows

The only thing more forgettable than the song itself were the contestants, none of whose names I

can remember.

There was some guy with an OK voice, some girl who forgot the words, and another guy who looked like he had escaped from being a redcoat at Butling, and they were the finalistic.

Butlins... and they were the finalists!
In the half-hour leading up to the

final three performances, voters chose which of the acts to hear sing the official song live, consigning the rest to absolute heartbreak.

It was a bit like deciding which village idiot to bludgeon to death first, although the audience seemed to be enjoying it all.

Big Pete himself seemed rather unimpressed by the charisma-free numpties, while co-writer Mick Stock looked like he was looking for the fire escape for the duration of the whole sorry affair.

Eurovision is, quite rightly, a bit of a joke to us Brits, but wouldn't it be nice to actually do well for once?

For a country that is supposed to lead the world in pop music, we seem to be pretty dismal at all this.

Don't be surprised if it's a case of "nul points" when we join Graham Norton in Oslo later this spring.



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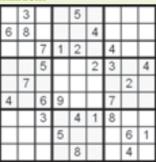


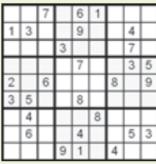
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CRYPTIC CLUES

1 Wedge firmly as a result of collision (6) 4 Dirty mark must be removed before church

10 Reportedly attempt to stain flag (9) 11 Slightly less than sprightly excursion (5) **12** Kay found a rickety chair in city (7)

13 Thus fabulous bird was held with egg in

14 A theatregoer's movable electrical device

16 Make the slightest mistake, get out of step? (3,1,4,5) 21 Each bud becoming corrupt (7)

22 Skyline as far as I can see (7) 24 Terrorists question one person from Basra

25 Lady, beautiful lady had some old money first (9)

26 Yvette initially assisted without aspiration when she cried out sharply (6)

27 Made an impression in artwork (6) DOWN

1 Much-liked Kate creating opening (6) 2 Earlier poet (5)

3 Alternative Romeo found to be more select

5 Joseph getting into brandy on a Spanish island (7)

6 Police club (9)

7 Item of luggage that boxer included (6) 8 Recovering consciousness before leading

and reaching a decisive stage (6,2,1,4) 9 Shading in across hatch in general (5-8) 15 Handy sketch? (9)

17 Insulting a coach before quarter past four

18 Not a well-done piece of cheese on toast

19 Unusual thing thatis strange, pity it doesn't

open (6) **20** In action? Certainly (6)

23 Last character, Italian companion, has nothing (5)

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

1 Be niggardly (6)

4 Old Testament book (6)

10 Fanatic (9)

11 Feed into computer (5)

12 Cut-glass (7)

13 Fish tanks (7)

14 Packaged tightly in plastic (6-7)

16 In everyoneís opinion (2,3,8)

21 Atomiser (7)

22 Disgrace (7)

24 Low voice (5)

25 Feasibility (9)

26 Telephone (6)

27 Threaten (6)

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1 Oration (6)

2 Luxurious (5)

3 Musical conductors (7)

5 Ramp overhanging slope (3-4)

6 Computer system (9)

7 Knocking sound (3-3)

8 Be the exact size (3,4,1,5)

9 March 17th (2,8,3)

15 The osprey (anaq.) (3-6)

17 Agile (7)

18 Radioactive metal (7)

19 Tropical tree (6)

20 Took part in a game (6)

23 Verdi (anag.) (5)

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AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) BE SCRUPULOUSLY

fair and even-handed when it comes to dealing with shared possessions and joint money matters. You need to be cautious with cash and avoid extravagant gestures aimed at impressing people. Instead look for ways to build a better budget.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20) Your workload is picking up again, forcing you to adhere to a strict schedule. If you don't follow a routine, your health will start to flag. Beware of overindulging in food and drink. Although you normally don't have difficulty finding time for exercise, this could be a problem now.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22) CREATING a cosy home

for your loved ones is your chief priority. Your nearest and dearest appreciate all the hard work you do for them. Make sure you don't get so wrapped up with responsibilities you forget to have fun. A trip to a romantic hideaway will do you a power of good.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

SHREWD business sense is critical to your success. Although it's great you are so generous, you have to remember the bottom line. Don't extend people unlimited credit, or you'll never recoup your losses. Be prepared to go after your debtors, even at the risk of losing some friends.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct23) A HOSPITAL, university, or government agency can

be tremendously helpful in the weeks ahead. A male friend is behaving strangely. Try to keep your finances separate from them, as he may be struggling with problems you can't understand. Fortunately, your family will help.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov23-Dec21) YOU need to exercise your authority when working on an important job. There's too much at stake to leave to chance. If some members of your team start slacking off, crack the whip. Yes, people will grumble, but they'll respect your insistence

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20) YOU take your obliga-

tions seriously, especially when it comes to family and lov-ing relationships. Although it's great that you want to go the extra mile for your beloved, it's also important to let them shower you with affection, too. A colleague

will be prove uncooperative.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21) ANYTHING involving art, film, music, or fashion

is worth pursuing. Although you'll have to take a financial risk, it will be worth the sacrifice in the long term. Someone in the family might not think much of your ideas because they're jealous of all the opportunities waiting for you.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23) A BUSINESS trip is in the cards. Although you spending time away from home you need to attend to this

matter before it spirals out of con-trol. If you're feeling down, put your feelings in into words and share them with a long time trusted friend or confidante.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Cancer 09067-531755

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23) YOU feel compelled to keep order in an increas-

ingly chaotic situation. Although you will play a key role in keeping people safe, it's important to remember you can't rescue destructive rebels from themselves. A bitter enemy is doing everything they can to block your progress.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Who you know is more important than what you know. Cultivating relationships will help you get a foothold in an

impressive company or organisation. However, you may wonder whether you will be able to work effectively with an argumentative colleague.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Scorpio 09067-531759



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20) AN INTEREST in spiritu-

al or philosophical matters makes you want to find out more. Look for someone who will challenge your assumptions, but will encourage your interests. Jealousy and negativity could rear their ugly heads in an intimate relationship. • To find out more about what the stars have in

store call Russell on Capricorn 09067-531761

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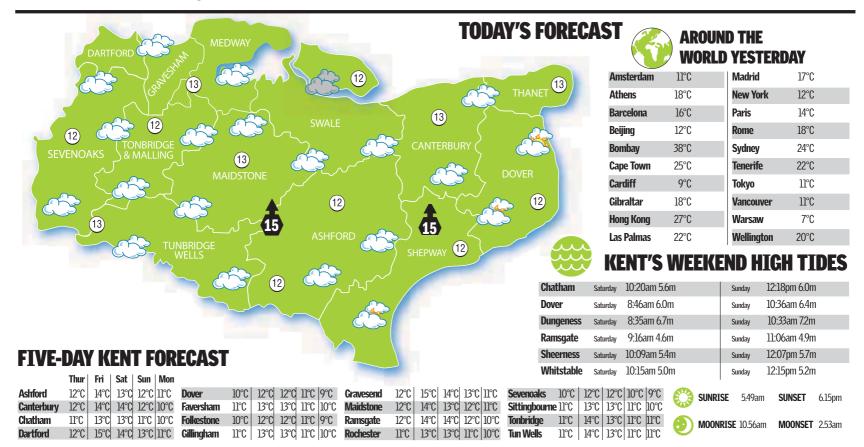
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"Since starting Fit4less's empower programme, I feel so much fitter and healthier, I've lost nearly four stone and I'm a new me! says club member Jason Walton.

Your local has teamed up with Fit4less to offer one lucky winner a year's free membership to the club plus the six-week empower programme package. We've also got a further two empower programmes to give away to runners up, absolutely free!

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ourmusic

Festival comes with a warning



HEADLINERS: Brazilian metallers Sepultura are coming to Hevy at Port Lympne

BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

POP-loving teenie-boppers, run for the hills the Hevy festival is com-

The appropriately-named three-day event will see some of the world's loudest, angriest and darkest bands converge on Port Lympne Wild Animal Park in August.

So if you're more into Shakira than Slipknot, avoid the Hythe zoo at all costs.

But if you are partial to the occasional hardcore mosh pit or prolonged period of head-banging then the Hevy weekender is right up your street.

Headliners include legendary Brazilian metallers Sepultura and Birmingham's hardest rockers Napalm Death.

Support comes from the likes of Gallows, Rolo Tomassi, Polar Bear Club, Dead Swans, Lower Than Atlantic and Kent's own Feed The Rhino.

Hevy bosses have also laid on non-music related entertainment for their paying punters, with a series of Gladiators-inspired fun fair rides.

Look out for Chaos, Superstar and Storm.

Hevy co-founders James Dutton and Claire Baker said the festival will be one to remember.

In a joint statement they said: "With a brand new venue and some awesome plans, this year's festival is what we've always wanted to bring to Kent - it's going to be huge!

"There's some fantastic little festivals down here that offer a great family-friendly product, but we've always felt there's a need in this corner of the UK for something a little heavier, and that's what we hope to be – Kent's alternative music festival.

"We're really going for it too, with huge bands from all corners of rock, punk, hardcore and metal, insane extreme sports displays and some hand-picked, **UPLOAD YOUR MUSIC VIDEOS TO BROADCAST ON OUR WEBSITE** @

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Eleven-year-old schoolboy Kyle Hudson plays the drums



Sheppey-based rockers Sons of Alpha Centauri feature on The Ether



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state-of-the-art thrill rides everything on site is totally focused at the alternative mar-

"And at just £69 for a weekend camping ticket, it's seriously good value too. Brace yourself, this is going to be epic.

Hevy takes place at Port Lympne from Friday, August 6 to Sunday 8.

For more information visit www.hevy.co.uk



ASTONISHING BEAUTY: The setting sun and the red dust of the Mara is the perfect setting for this stunning shot of a pair of leopards

Mara is perfect place to get great shot at some wildlife

BY KELLY MACNAMARA

THERE'S a knack to photographing the Little Beeeater.

The picture you want is this: The bird is in mid-flight, its green shimmering wings flung wide and a justcaught bug clamped in its beak.

Precision timing, a steady hand and a little specialist knowledge are all essential. With the last of these, your pictures are transformed into the sort of images to grace a nature magazine, and without it you are doomed to an endless succession of

empty branches. Paul Goldstein has that knowledge. The award-winning wildlife photographer who has coaxed, cajoled and demanded the best from amateur snappers for years.

I joined one of his safaris in Kenya's Masai Mara.

Within minutes of arriving at our luxurious camp, we were bouncing along in one of Paul's specially con-verted vehicles in pursuit of a cheetah and her two cubs.

After barely half an hour in Paul's company, it was already abundantly clear he takes no prisoners.
"Stop mincing!" he yelled, as I fum-

bled with my kit while the vehicle jolted across the dry savannah.

My brand new digital SLR body was eventually attached to a lens the size of a rocket launcher, borrowed from a fellow traveller who hired something even more substantial for this expedition.

We found the cheetahs bathed in honeyed afternoon light, with the mother looking wistfully into the distance. The scene was beautiful,

but my companions had other ideas. In the distance, a juicy-looking

FACT FILE: KENYA

Time difference +Three hours (GMT) **Capital** Nairobi Language Swahili **Population** 39 million Currency Kenyan shilling Religion Protestant

Kelly Macnamara was a guest on an Exodus Photographic Safari, withphotographer Paul Goldstein and local guides. Group sizes 4 to 12, min age 16. Nine-day package, from £2,699, incl six nights' tented camp accom, return Kenya Airways flights ex-London, internal flights, and transport by open-sided fourwheel-drive vehicles in the Mara. Regional connecting flights incl Manchester from

£35.40 (single), Glasgow from £32.50. Exodus reservations: 0845 863 9601 and www.exodus.co.uk.



Thomson's gazelle grazed near a thicket, small and spry - an ideal feast for a peckish big cat.

It was over in a second, the predator so close there was barely a chase. However, for a novice wildlife pho-

tographer, the thrill was intense. Only afterwards did I realise I had caught the action on camera: The cheetah lunging from a swirl of dust, front paws stretched out to whip the gazelle's back legs from under it.

Huge crowds of wildebeest gathered for annual crossings of the Mara heading for the Serengeti and Tanzania, and we watched in wonder as animals fought to cross the river, unperturbed as crocodiles

picked off the occasional snack. Often we were still out at sunset, chasing the dying light for a spot to take in the great billowing clouds as they bruised against a hot red sky. At these times, photographs came second to soaking up the astonishing beauty of the dying Mara day with a cold beer.

Much is made of the idea that we have progressed from shooting wild creatures with guns to using camera lenses. While there are similarities you must learn an animal's habits to predict its movements – hunters aimed to stop the wildlife in its tracks, but we wanted the right light, and of course action.

Thanks to the eagle eyes of our guides, and Paul's knowledge and enthusiasm, we had all in abundance.

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MOTORS NEWS



'Le Mini' is out to prove it's no retro knock-off

BMW has a smart rival to its popular Mini, but the new Citroën DS3 is no retro poser even if it does revive the 'DS' badge from a classic 50/60s series of cars.

However, the newcomer can be customised to the roof like a Mini and holds a premium position with the French marque to attract similar buyers, albeit at lower prices (from £11,700) to undercut the Anglo-German cult star (from £12,730) and with a cabin that is as much a work of art as the exterior.



Cheaper Vauxhall deals a show of intent to rivals

VAUXHALL has thrown down the gauntlet to mainstream rivals by slashing entry prices on most of its range through new lower-priced Expression/ES models, even as it seeks a move upmarket.

Private buyers can save as much as £3,675, while company car users also incur reduced company car tax.

The new Corsa Expression supermini

costs £9,995 - more than £1,000 less than the previous entry car – while the £13,995 Astra Expression hatchback saves £2,000 and the big £17,100 Insignia ES saves £1,700 on getting into Vauxhall's flagship.



Twenty years of helping dreams become reality

MOTORING dreams can become reality more cheaply through kit cars so it is hardly surprising the European Kit and Car Builder Show is celebrating its 20th year.

It returns to the Kent County Showground at Detling, near Maidstone, this Easter (April 4-5) to exhibit exotic yet affordable creations like the Quantum Xtreme (pictured) and Kent-based makers such as Blaze Motorsport Ltd and GKD Sportscars. Parking is free and the show will feature some 35 manufacturers, 50 trade stands and 30 kit car clubs.



BOXING CLEVER?: Limited supplies of Nissan's Cube is driving sales of what could be called a 'Marmite motor' - drivers will either love it or hate it but it's fast becoming a cult car

Nissan produces cult car for the fans of Cubist art

NISSAN'S eye-catching Cube is a 'Marmite motor' - you either love it or hate it.

But the pro-Cubists are passionate and that is driving sales of the rather limited supplies that Nissan expects to bring into the UK for

Not surprisingly, valuation guides predict robust secondhand prices – CAP reckons the car will be worth 45 per cent of its value after three years/30,000 miles.

The BMW Mini and Fiat 500 cult cars have shown that even the hard-nosed used buyer is prepared to pay more for style and image and the Cube seems set to underline that.

At first glance, it looks like the styling is a long way from some swish design studio or even the hand of a grown-up - it has the wax crayon signature of a five-year-old writ large upon its boxy flanks.

On closer inspection though there is some lovely detail; I particularly like the asymmetric Smeg refrigerator-style rear door, which accentuates curves cleverly worked into the boxy overall design.

The curvy theme contrast is even more obvi-

NISSAN CUBE

BY **STEVE LOADER**

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Green rating	****

ous inside and helps fend of Postman Pat jibes that bedevil van-based MPVs like the terminally ugly Fiat Doblo - it has indeed just been replaced by a more shapely new model – and Peugeot Bipper Tepee.

Interior style - highlighted by a rice-paper style blind for the huge sunroof - is allied with

racticality though to make the Cube as much viable MPV as style statement.

It should well and truly end those 'boring Nissan' cracks of the past, however unfair, reminding us instead that the brand used its truly ordinary 1980s Micra K10 supermini to create a family of retro limited edition spin-offs for the Japanese market.

Two of these – the Figaro coupé and S-Cargo van – went on to become much sought grey imports to the UK.

So the Cube upholds a bit of quirky tradition

as well as being a thoroughly practical car. It will never – and was never intended to – set the driver's heart racing, but it would take a long time to become bored with it.

Prices start at £14,000 for the 108bhp 1.6litre petrol manual model, capable of averaging more than 42.8mpg.

A 1.5-litre diesel joins the range in May.







With a class leading 1,865 litres of boot space, colour touch screen satellite navigation, bluetooth, and full leather upholstery as standard*, no wonder it was voted Top Gear's Luxury Car of the Year 2009. Starting from £17,715 RRP.

What Car? magazine has given the new Superb Estate an excellent write-up in its first review, calling the car "big, comfortable, plush

The magazine was particularly impressed by the value-for-money offered by the Superb Estate, saying it's, "cracking value and undercuts the equivalent Mondeo Estate by thousands.'



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OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

DISTINCTIVE MIDI-MPVS

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RENAULT tried a bit of lateral thinking with the 'people carrier' concept it pioneered with the Espace and came up with the 'midi' or 'compact' MPV (multi-purpose vehicle). The result was the original five-seat Scenic of 1997, the blueprint for even more vehicles than the original Espace inspired, and the impetus for waves of tall, space efficient 'MPV styling' across the whole car market. As one of the new car market's boom sectors over the past few years, it means there is also plenty of choice for user car buyers.

CITROEN XSARA PICASSO



NO apologies for including the Picasso – it quickly trumped Renault's pioneering Scenic to become the best-seller in the new sector. It's only a five-seater, but the 'jelly mould design' smoothes the edges and corners of a commodious and flexibly equipped box. It rides well when heavily laden, but tends to heel a little on corners. The range features excellent turbodiesels from the Peugeot-Citroën stable and has a good reliability record. Plenty of affordable choice on the used market too.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	***
Looks and image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	***
Reliability	****
Quality	****

FIAT MULTIPLA



EARNING top marks with the motoring press for originality and impact when it arrived in 2000, the original Multipla looked simply too wacky to generate the sales it deserved. A facelift made it more visually acceptable and its practical qualities began to shine. Relatively compact though wide, it allows six to be seated comfortably in two rows and there is plenty of stowage space. It also drives well and the first choice 110bhp JTD turbodiesel is a lively powertrain.

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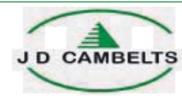
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MANY homeowners are not aware of their mortgage rate, with the recentlyquoted figure of 28 per cent of people branded "a gross underestimate".

More than half do not know their interest rate, according to Ray Boulger, senior technical manager at mortgage advice firm John Charcol.

"In general I would say that there is a considerable lack of knowledge about people's specific mortgage products," he said.

Mr Boulger urged homeowners to be aware of the interest rate they are paying, as well as when their current deal comes to an end, to ensure they have the best loan to suit their needs.

"The more notice people take of their various financial products, the more likely it is they are going to know when they have got a good deal and when they should be thinking of switching," he con-

Figures from the Council of Mortgage Lenders have revealed that gross mortgage-lending declined to about £9.1 billion in January – a fall of almost a third

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AN INCREASINGLY popular move in the property market is for buyers to look for an apartment that is fully furnished.

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It is called a turnkey-ready property and experts say such a home is perfect for those looking to buy as a rental investment or those seeking to move straight in and not have the hassle of carpet and curtain buying and fixing - it is like moving into a show home.

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Prices hit by weather and stamp duty rise

BY NICK AMES

HOUSE prices saw a 1.5 per cent fall last month - the first decline since June 2009, according to the most recent figures available from the Halifax House Price Index.

And in the first three weeks of March the trend has continued.

But the previous seven consecutive months of increases mean that the average price remains 8 per cent above the lowest level reached in April 2009.

This equates to an increase of £12,367, taking the average house price to £166,857.

Halifax has suggested that a low supply of properties has been a key factor in pushing up prices, with improvements in the market only recently encouraging sellers to enter the market, even if mortgage finance has remained difficult to secure.

Lenders have attributed the fall to the wintry weather and the end of a temporary stamp-duty holiday on homes changing hands between £125,000 and £175,000.

According to Halifax's index, prices are still well below the level they reached in the summer of 2007.

Its figures show that from August 2007 to last April, prices dived by 23 per cent, wiping more than £45,000 off the average price of a property, from under £200,000 to £154,490.

The figures show that since then, prices have risen by 8 per cent (£12,500), which commentators have attributed to low interest rates, improved affordability and a shortage of

But since the start of the year there has been a change in the supply-and-demand balance. Figures from the Royal Institution of

Chartered Surveyors suggest the recent improvement in market conditions has

encouraged more homeowners to attempt to sell their property. As a result, the stock of properties available for sale increased for the second successive month in January.

"The combination of these factors appears to have helped to curb the upward pressure.

Howard Archer, chief UK economist at IHS Global Insight, said other factors also suggested further price falls were on the cards.

"Although the Bank of England may well hold off from raising interest rates until 2011, the overall economic environment – notably high unemployment likely to rise further, and low earnings growth - is still far from supportive for house prices, while credit conditions remain pretty tight and the stamp duty threshold has fallen.

"In addition, house price/earnings ratios



Landlords' forum leading the way

such a success that local authorities across Kent might wish to follow its lead.

The event was held to strengthen Swale council's rapport with local landlords and featured talks from the Electrical Safety Council and the Porchlight homeless charity.

There was also a question-and-answer session on housing and housing benefits.

The council has launched many initiatives with landlords and tenants in Swale.

The Kent accreditation course held in Sittingbourne offered both new and experienced landlords the opportunity to learn about how to operate a successful business and how to provide tenants with safe and high-quality accommodation.

Those who joined the scheme and who have continued to abide by the standards set are 'accredited' and recognised across Kent as good landlords.

David Simmons, of Swale council, said "The Swale Landlords Forum is a great idea.

"The council wants to work as closely as possible with landlords and tenants and reinforce its support of the Kent Landlords' Accreditation Scheme to make sure that we do everything that we can to help everyone."



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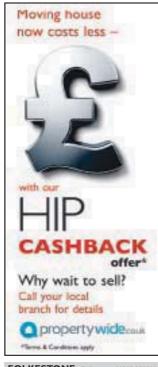






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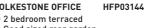




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TOP-SCORER: Martyn Beaumont scored five tries

Dover dominate Bulls to boost play-off hopes

Dover 56 Aylesford Bulls 12

DOVER strengthened their position in the London 1 South play-offs after giving basement side Aylesford Bulls a thashing at Crabble.

The Sharks struggled to find their way past the division's bottom side in the meeting earlier this season, but had no problems on Saturday after opening the scoring as early as the eighth minute.

Ed Blowers won the ball from a line-out and found captain Martyn Beaumont who crashed over unopposed. Blair Charge missed the conversion.

Bulls responded well and dominated the

RUGBY

next ten minutes, but Dover's defence held firm and they scored a second try on the counter-attack.

Ben Murray and Dave Bartley combined to send Ricky Mackintosh through the Aylesford defence for an easy score. Charge added the conversion. Beaumont increased Dover's lead with his second try of the afternoon shortly after.

Within a minute of Beaumont's try, Aylesford engineered a move which saw them open their account and reduce the deficit with a converted try.

in attack, as he scored a further two ties before the break to put Dover in a commanding lead.

With the game seemingly wrapped up, the Sharks continued to push forward in the second-half and Mackintosh scored his second try of the afternoon, followed by another for the impressive Beaumont, who slid over for a fifth time.

The Sharks completed an emphatic win with four ties late on, Mark Beaumont and Ben Vick each scoring twice.

Dover remain seven points behind leaders Gravesend in second spot and face a trip to Beckenham on Saturday.

FOOTBALL



ON TARGET: Mo Takaloo scored his fourth goal in five games to help Deal to victory

Deal cut high-flying Town down to size

Sevenoaks Town 2 Deal Town 4

DEAL Town moved up to seventh in the Kent League after surprising Sevenoaks Town at Greatness Park.

The meeting was the sixth between the two sides this season, which included the now infamous abandoned Kent Senior Trophy tie last month.

Derek Hares's side opened the scoring after 20 minutes through Dave Bathgate, but the lead didn't last long, as Sevenoaks striker Tony Atkins fired in an equaliser on the half-hour mark.

The visitors regrouped and took a 2-1 lead into the break courtesy of Bathgate's second, four minutes before the interval.

Former Ramsgate and Maidstone United striker Mo Takaloo increased Deal's lead early in the second-half with his fourth goal in the last five games.

Atkins grabbed his second of the game shortly after to reduce the deficit, but Deal wrapped up all three points ten minutes from time with a fourth goal from defender Adam Govey.

The result extends Deal's unbeaten run to four games and moved Town into seventh in the league, just two points adrift of fifth-placed Hythe Town.

Deal will hope to continue their impressive run of form at home to Erith Town this Saturday.

Erith were battling amongst the top five for the majority of the season, but have slipped down the table after only one win in their last five games.







LAST-GASP EFFORT Sammy Moore (left) scored with the last kick of the game to earn Dover Athletic a vital Kent derby win; while (right) Olly Schulz wins a header

Whites Moore the merrier after crucial last-gasp winner

Moore's injury-time winner against Bromley could prove crucial come the end of the season as Dover Athletic moved back into the Blue Square South play-offs on Saturday.

The Whites left it late in recording their third win in a row after dominating large parts of an entertaining Kent derby in front of a bumper Crabble crowd of 1,027. However, after hitting the woodwork three times, Moore's strike with the last kick of the game earned a vital win.

Dover manager Andy Hessenthaler was limited on numbers for the game as Danny Walder, Hakeem Adelakun, Jon Wallis and Frannie Collin were all missing through injury.

Despite fielding a weakened side, Dover had the better of the early exchanges and should have opened the scoring on 13 minutes. Nicky Southall's in-swinging corner was met by Shaun Welford and his header beat Bromley goalkeeper Wes Foderingham, but crashed against the

Welford's height was a continual source of prob lems for the Bromley defence and he again went close when another header was cleared off the

The visitors struggled to find a way through the

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

Dover Athletic 1

Bromley 0







Dover defence and Steve Ferguson's tame freekick was as close as Bromley came to scoring in the first-half.

The home side continued to push forward in the second-half and rattled the crossbar once again when Olly Schulz's header from a Southall cross beat the goalkeeper, but not the frame of the

Frustration began to set in and sensing this, Bromley surged forward hoping to take a surprise lead. Ashley Carew skipped through the Whites' defence and should have found the target, but dragged his shot wide.

Substitute Marcus Cassius worried home supporters four minutes from time when his pace saw him go through on goal but was denied by

the legs of goalkeeper Ross Flitney. With the game heading towards a goalless draw, Moore struck deep into injury-time. A Southall free-kick was headed by Joe Tabiri and the rebound fell to the midfielder, who slotted home to spark wild celebrations.

Dover starting XI

Dover boss Hessenthaler was delighted to pick up another crucial three points to move his side into fourth spot, but is concerned by the amount of injuries his side are picking up.

He said: "We got what we deserved, it was a

great performance. We're on a roll at the moment, but I'm going to have to keep my players wrapped up. In the first-half we could have scored two or three but we needed a bit of luck. The longer it went on meant we got a bit frustrated and we lost a bit of quality, but it doesn't matter when the goal comes.'

Dover's play-off bid continues this Saturday with a trip to St Albans City.

Invicta title hopes kept alive by timely penalty

FOOTBALL

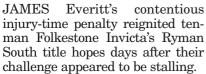
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An uninspired performance in defeat to struggling Ashford Town last week left Seasiders boss Neil Cugley thinking his threadbare squad had reached their limit. But not for the first time this season, Invicta's players showed their capacity for surprise, ending Worthing's seven-game winning streak.

Josh Vincent had given the visitors a halftime lead, but after failing to extend their lead Folkestone had Liam Dickson sent off. Worthing equalised from the resulting freekick, but a debatable penalty allowed Everitt to convert his ninth goal of the season with virtually the last kick of the game.

Cugley said: "We haven't played well for a few weeks but I thought we were our old selves again on Saturday. It really could've been more comfortable, we missed chance



SPOT ON: James Everitt kept his cool to despatch an injurytime penalty, giving Folkestone a crucial victory

after chance when we were 1-0 up. It's very pleasing, hopefully we can kick on from that."

Dickson returned to the starting line-up after missing the Ashford game through illness. The visitors rarely looked capable of scoring at Homelands, but it took them just 16 minutes to break the deadlock on the south

Everitt and Brendon Cass were both involved in a well constructed move which finished with Vincent driving the ball past Worthing stopper Alan Mansfield.

Folkestone Invicta starting XI



The hosts threatened before half-time without testing Folkestone goalkeeper Jack Delo.
Invicta should have made the game safe

just after the hour mark. Everitt was put through one-on-one with Mansfield by brother Micheal Everitt, but the Worthing goal-keeper saved with his legs. Vincent and Cass were also denied before Worthing drew level with six minutes remaining.

While Worthing later complained about Folkestone's winner, the equaliser did not lack controversy. Cugley thought the free-kick on the edge of the box was soft and to add insult to injury Dickson, who did not make the challenge, received his second booking.

Jamie Brotherton's effort appeared to have earned a share of the points, but in stoppage time Frankie Chappell tumbled in the penalty area to earn a penalty.

Everitt converted to claim what could be a

vital three points for Invicta's hopes of winning the title.

Folkestone have another tough game at home to Fleet Town on Saturday, but first host Maidstone United in a Kent Senior Cup quar-

RUGBY



HARD YARDS: Injury-hit Folkestone (in possession) were second best at Brighton

Brighton rocks prove too tough for Stones squad hit by injuries

Brighton 59 Folkestone 10

A THREADBARE Folkestone squad were well beaten by London 3 South East titlechasing Brighton on Saturday.

Injuries have thwarted the Stones' early season hopes of challenging for the title and last weekend was no exception, with 18 players either unavailable or in the treatment room. Even a full strength side may have struggled to cope with in-form Brighton, who cruised to victory.

The visitor's problems were aggravated when skipper Simon Harris injured his calf in the pre-match warm-up and had to be replaced by John Eustace, who had travelled to support his team-mates as he recovers from injury.

The Stones were under pressure from the kick-off when they failed to catch the ball and Brighton seized on it before working it out wide and driving over for the score.

To their credit Folkestone mustered a

response. Richard Lama charged down a clearance kick and controlled the bouncing ball to go over for a super individual try, narrowing the gap to 7-5.

It provided only brief respite for the visitors, who were on the back foot for much of the game. The home pack were well on top and they stuck to a simple game plan where they set up rucks to draw in the Folkestone defence and then work the ball out wide for one of their speedy backs to score.

Brighton's tactics were rewarded with four more tries, which saw them go in at the interval leading 31-5.

The second-half started as the first had ended, with the home team scoring two more tries. Folkestone's woes grew as they went down to 14 men, with replacement Jak Cox limping off.

Folkestone battled on and were rewarded with a second try, when Chris Petley's pass set up Eustace to charge over the line.

Folkestone have the chance to regroup this Saturday as they host relegation-threatened Old Gravesendians.

LEAGUE TABLE

BLUE SQUARE SOUTH Newport County Chelmsford City 3 Braintree Town 4 Dover Athletic 5 Staines Town 8 Thurrock 9 Eastleigh 10 St Albans City 11 Havant & Waterlooville 20 Lewes 21 Weston-super-Mare RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH +37 +24 +24 +20 +9 +16 +16 +18 +19 +5 -14 -17 -29 -23 -24 4 Fleet Town 5 Walton & Hersham 6 Godalming Town (-3) 7 Leatherhead 3 Burgess Hill Town

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Faversham Town	23	18	2	3	+40	56	
2 Herne Bay	20	14	1	5	+19	43	
3 Beckenham Town	23	12	5	6	+20	41	
4 Sevenoaks Town	22	12	4	6	+11	40	
5 Hythe Town	22	9	8	5	+24	35	
6 Greenwich Borough	23	9	7	7	+7	34	
7 Deal Town	21	9	6	6	+3	33	
8 Erith & Belvedere	23	9	6	8	-5	33	
9 Erith Town	21	9	5	7	+7	32	
10 Tunbridge Wells	23	7	7	9	-2	28	
11 Holmesdale	22	8	3	11	+1	27	
12 Sporting Bengal Utd	28	7	4	17	-41	25	
13 Norton Sports	21	5	6	10	-9	21	
14 Fisher	22	5	4	13	-23	19	
15 Corinthian	23	5	3	15	-29	18	
16 Lordswood	23	2	9	12	-23	15	

(Wednesday): Kent League Premier Division: Herne Bay v Hythe 1 (Saturday): Blue Square South: St Albans City v Dover Athletic; Ryman Division South – Folkestone Invicta v Fleet Town; Kent League Premier Division – Deal To

Chatham Town Dulwich Hamlet

Town struggle to fourth league draw on the trot

FOOTBALI

Hythe Town 1 Greenwich Borough 1

INJURY-HIT Hythe Town drew 1-1 for the fourth game in a row as they missed out on the chance to make up ground on the sides above them on Saturday.

With three of the Kent League's top-four losing, victory would have boosted Hythe's chances of a top-two finish. They recovered well after Dave Cook's early own goal gave Greenwich Borough the lead, but they could not build on Craig Thompson's equaliser and were again forced to share

A defensive injury crisis saw Hythe boss Scott Porter name Dave Cook and Tom Adlington as a scratch centre-back pairing. They did not make a promising start, with Cook putting through his own net inside five minutes.

Thompson levelled on 25 minutes with his fourth goal of the season. But as in recent weeks they were unable to convert their pressure into goals as their winless run was extended to seven games in all competitions.

Porter's side travel to Herne Bay this evening for what is always a competitive fixture. The original date for the game several weeks ago was billed as a critical meeting between the two sides most capable of catching leaders Faversham, but Hythe's recent form has seen them bow out of the title race.

The game should still have plenty of



MAKESHIFT DEFENDER: Dave Cook (right) scored an

spice, with Bay getting the better of Hythe in the reverse fixture at Reachfields in October and over two legs in the Premier Division Cup in January.

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